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**Club Picnic to be
Held at Field Day
Sunday June 25th**

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Amateur Radio License Examinations are held on the *first* non-holiday Thursday of every month at The Franklin Institute Science Museum—registration finishes at 6 p.m. doors close at 6:30 PM-*SHARP!*

CLUB INFORMATION

Mailing address: P.O. Box 88, Abington, PA 19001
Internet Web site: <http://www.phil-mont.org>
E-mail: info@phil-mont.org
2-meter repeater: 147.03 MHz p/191.5
70-cm repeater: 444.80 MHz (186.2 Hz PL)
Simplex: 147.51 MHz
24-hour club information at W3AA: 215-448-1139

STATIONS

W3AA - The Franklin Institute Science Museum, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee WU3I; Manager: W3STW
 The club sponsors this world-class demonstration station, and welcomes all licensed amateurs to operate.
W3AA packet BBS frequency: 144.99 MHz: w3aa@w3aa.sepa.pa.usa.noam
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W3QV - 147.03 MHz repeater - Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee W3BBB

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COMMITTEES

Archives: W3IIN; **Audit:** KE3OP; **Awards:** W3WF; **Blurb folding:** WB3KOJ & WB3KOH; **Budget:** K3KUD; **Directory:** WB3KOJ & W3IIM; **DX:** Open; **Education:** W3CH; **Emerg.Coop.:** N3XKE; **Field Day:** WU3I; **Internet:** W3IIM; **Membership:** Open; **Net Control:** KB3IV; **Publicity:** W3RM **Program:** W3WF; **Public Service:** W3WF; **Refreshments:** W3AOK; **Repeater:** W3BBB; **Skywarn:** WX3PHI; **Special Events:** N3WCO; **Sunshine:** WU3I; **Youth:** KE3ZY; **TVI:** W3VVS; **VE Program:** ND3Q; **W3AA Trustee:** WU3I; **W3AA Station Manager:** W3STW; **Welcome:** K3CJ.

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Net Schedule

Tuesday CW Practice Net at 20:00— 147.030MHz FM NET SCHEDULE
Sunday morning 2 Meter Net at 09:30 — 147.030 Mhz FM
Sunday morning "10-on-10" Net at 10:00 —28.393 Mhz SSB (+ or - for QRM)
Sunday morning 75 meter Net at 10:20 — 3.993 MHzSSB

Minutes

Carol Sebzda, N3PVO, Secretary



MINUTES APRIL DIRECTORS' MEETING

The April Directors' Meeting was opened by Bill (W3AOK). The following were in attendance: Bill (W3AOK), Charlie (W3WF), Carol (N3PVO), Mike (K2BN), Steve (WU3I), Dick (W3RM), Ed (KB3IV), Al (W3STW), Mike (N3MT), Gene (N3XKE), Rick (N3DHI), and Dean (N3TAL).

NEW BUSINESS - Bill (W3AOK) announced and thanked Charlie (W3WF formerly AA3EP) for accepting the Vice President position. Charlie (W3WF) announced that as head of the Awards Committee he would like to bring back the handing out of awards again. Some of these awards are memorial awards. The club has been very remiss in that area and the Board agreed fully that they should go back to that policy. Another subject brought up was where to hold the Directors' meetings for July and August since there are no General meetings. After a discussion, a motion was made and approved, there will be no Directors' Meetings during those two months. If something of importance comes up, the Board will be polled via telephone.

FIELD DAY - Steve (WU3I) said he has all of the band captains lined up. He will need a count of those intending to eat and which meals, so he knows how much food to buy. If you do not put your name in, you will not eat. There is a new bonus point category this year. 100 points for a Demonstration Station (ATV, APRS or SSTV).

TREASURER - Mike (K2BN) reported receipts to date are a little bit behind because the dues are running a little bit behind. Donations to W3AA are running behind from previous years. A budget for this year has been adopted and will be published in the Blurb. The annual audit of the books will be performed in the near future.

SOCIAL EVENTS - Mike (N3MT) reported he is looking for help with the club picnic. The picnic is still planned for the Sunday of Field Day at the park. Look for an announcement in the Blurb.

REPEATER - Rick (N3DHI) reported the time on the repeater is off due to daylight savings and will be corrected shortly.

With no further business, the meeting was closed.

MINUTES APRIL GENERAL MEETING

The 596th General Meeting of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club was opened by Bill (W3AOK). The following committees reported.

SPECIAL EVENTS - Charlie (W3WF) reported on the dates of the upcoming MS Walks and other events. See list of dates posted in the Blurb.

FIELD DAY - Steve (WU3I) reported everything is falling into place for a successful Field Day. All of the band captains are set. If you plan on eating, please register with Steve otherwise YOU WILL NOT EAT.

SOCIAL EVENTS - Bill (W3AOK) reported help is needed for the picnic. Please contact Mike (N3MT) if you can help.

Due to time, the General Meeting was closed and turned over to our guest speaker. See you all next month.

Chesterfield Islands Added to ARRL DXCC List

The ARRL DX Advisory Committee and the ARRL Awards Committee have voted to add the Chesterfield Islands of New Caledonia to the DXCC List. For DXCC

credit. Contacts made on or after March 23, 2000 will be accepted. Cards for this new entity may be submitted after October 1, 2000.

With the admission of New Caledonia to IARU membership, the Chesterfield Islands qualify by reason of separation from New Caledonia. The Chesterfields are more than

350 km from the closest point of New Caledonia.

The recent Chesterfield Islands TX0DX DXpedition team racked up 72,654 contacts before it shut down March 29 after six days of operation.

(ARRL)

178th Monthly Phil-Mont VE Test Session Statistics for April, 2000

Thirty-three (33) candidates took forty-three (43) elements. We had five (5) new amateurs with three (3) upgrades.

The VE team was chaired by Dusty Rhoads (ND3Q).

Members are: Bob Freer, W3YLT; Jim McCloskey, NS3K; Pete Butler, WB2B; Jeff Kerber, N3VE; Mike Collins, NI2E; Fred Rice, WA3KIO; Jeremy Mihalov, AA3SR; Raymond Collins, W3CX.

We had three (3) new amateurs and seven (7) upgrades.

Exam Dates for the year 2000:

May 4; June 6; August 10 (second Thursday)

VE Examination Sites

Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring the original, and one photocopy of their license. All applicants, including children, must show two other types of ID. Also bring the original, and a copy, of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. The ARRL VEC's 2000 test fee is \$6.65. There is no charge for a Novice test.

THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE

Monthly, 1st Thursday — Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q. 215-879-0505, day. 215-448-1139 24-hours.

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WILMINGTON, DE

Giselle Wells, 302-478-2757

Skywarn Program A Success

The room was packed. Standing room only was available at the April meeting of Phil-Mont. The presenter was Joe McKenna of the Weather Bureau in Mt. Holly, NJ. Joe presented a brief overview of various types of weather. He explained that because of the angle of the Doppler Radar the weather Bureau needs spotters to help in the prediction of tornadoes, hurricanes and other natural disasters.

If you want to become a spotter contact Art, WX3PHI or Joe McKenna at the Weather Bureau in Mt. Holly. Contact the bureau at:
www.nws.noaa.gov/er/phi or <http://wxphi.skywarn.net> to sign up.

What you will be looking for when you are a spotter.

WHERE - Location of event

WHEN - Start time and, if possible, duration of event

WHAT - Please report the following types of events:

Tornadoes- location, movement and damage

Wind- 58 mph or more (wrist size branches broken off trees, trees or power lines down)

Hail or sleet- any size

Flooding- rivers or creeks about to go over their banks, water over roads making them impassable

Rainfall- 1 inch an hour or more

Snowfall- when snow becomes 6 inches deep and then every 6 inches thereafter.

Icing- any accumulation or damage.

C Q F D

Here we go again gang. It's Field Day Time again! As usual I need to know if you are coming and what meals you will be enjoying with us. The tower crew will be arriving at 2 pm on Friday June 23 to start setting up. Please contact me if you wish to set up on Friday. Band Captains are as follows:

75.80 — OPEN
40 — N3MT
20 — KE3QB
15 — WA3NSP
10 — OPEN
2.6 — W3AOK
SAT — W3STW

We still have some openings for band captains and want to try to operate at 4A or 5A. I have been in touch with W3LEN and the generators have been reserved. The laptop computers for logging are being tuned up and ready to roll. The park has our reservation and we look good. We need OPERATORS! Please let me know if you are coming and what meals you will be planning to enjoy with us.

MENU

Saturday and Sunday Lunch — Dogs and Burgers on the Grill.

Sunday Breakfast — Pancakes and Sausages.

Saturday Dinner — To Be Announced.

Now on the subject of food, last year I had to leave and attend my sister's wedding (still haven't forgiven that girl) and some of the ops did not get fed. This year I have no need to leave and will make sure that the REGISTERED OPERATORS get fed FIRST. If you don't get your name on the list don't think about getting in line.

The cost for the food has not been over \$10.00 for the 4 meals in the past and we hope to keep it under control. The exact cost per person will be determined on Field Day by how many and which meals you stay for.

Hope To See You There
WU3I, Field Day Coordinator

"Never play leapfrog with a unicorn"
Unknown

PARAFEST

PARA (Philadelphia Area Repeater Association) is celebrating its 30th anniversary on May 16 at 730PM Tuesday. Please check out information at www.g-c-o.com/para/. The meeting will include free swap tables; no admission. There will be ARRL representatives present, HRO representatives present, refreshments available and door prizes. There will be new member incentives. Talk-in is on 146.76. The 50-50 drawing is open to all hams. Contact k3dsm@5dnet.com, Gene Mitchell, President.

Some thoughts about the future of Amateur Radio

Murray, In answer to your Green Mountain Newsletter editorial, I have a great deal of sensitivity to this subject, as we seem to have the same problem here at the Goddard Club.

I guess it may be becoming a generic problem, with the aging of the members of our clubs and the members in our hobby in general. The electronic age has provided so many alternatives to Ham Radio that the younger generation (and some older folks, as well) don't seem to be getting (or staying) interested in the hobby, with some few exceptions. The older generation just keeps getting older (and less active). We all enjoy a lot of technological "goodies" not accessible to the public or to most Hams 10 or 15

years ago. And, I guess we have come to take some or most of the "goodies" for granted.

I have tried teaching radio code and theory classes, doing outreach and Ham Radio demo's in schools, as well as presenting technical slide shows at area Clubs, but I sense that the younger generation is not really interested, with some few exceptions. Where the parent is a Ham, it's more likely that one of the kids will be interested in hamming, but it's not a guarantee. I hope that things like License Restructuring, Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) and AMSAT Phase IIID in orbit will help to change that. What ever the solution is, if someone finds it, I hope it will be shared with everyone. I haven't found the answer, but I am actively looking for it! Repeater use may be a good "barometer" of how the hobby is going. Nets, traffic handling and Public Service activities may be other indicators.

Maybe we should consider holding a conference of MD/DC/N-VA area Clubs, with F.A.R., AMSAT and the ARRL participating, to "brainstorm" and kick some ideas around on how we can attack the problem, increase activity, revitalize the hobby and reach more people (especially younger folks)?

(from atlclubs@bfdin.com by Hugh W3FUO)

SAME
OTHER
CORNER

WHO NEEDS THE INTERNET

LISTEN TO 7.03
MORNING & NITE
AND LEARN...

★ WHO TOOK THE BLAME
FOR THE MARS FAILURE

★ WHICH IS THE BEST
STOCK MARKET

★ HOW TO GET THE BEST CAR BUY

★ WHAT GOES ON IN MOSCOW

★ HOW THEY BUILD HOUSES TODAY



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REPORT

Greetings, the top activity this past month is the continued support given to the F.I.S.M. Camp-In. The participants in this activity can be as many as three hundred to eight hundred a night.

It seems as though **Paul, N3PSO**, and **Robert, KB3BYT**, do much more than explain the radio equipment. The explanation of morse code by this Dynamic Duo is so well presented that children and adults alike are amazed at how quickly and easy it is to learn. The size of some of the groups are as large as thirty participants.

Paul features a contest and the winner is awarded a prize. Robert performs, easy to grasp experiments, and shows off his sardine can sized 20 meter amateur radio transmitter. If you still haven't seen the Morse Code Trainer Paul has designed—well you are really missing a great little invention. If you're near your Amateur Radio gear on a Friday or Saturday night about seven o'clock in the evening tune into the W3QV repeater 147.03 (+shift and a pl of 91.5) Robert (Fridays) or Paul (Saturdays) could

Station Manager: Alfred Tribble, W3STW
Trustee: Steve Hoch, WU3I

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use a contact or two. And if you are all heart and have SSTV capability you might tune into the twenty meter SSTV frequencies 14.23 or 14.233 KHz and see if W3AA is on the air. You could receive a picture of the visitors and send a picture from your file.

The satellite exhibit, though thought to be fixed, is still broken. An awesome effort was expended by our Prez, **Bill, W3AOK**, to repair the controller, but what's needed to repair the controller takes more time than I thought it would take — so the controller has been returned to Yaesu...stay tuned to the Blurb.

Bob, W3YLT, has mentioned the use of PSK31 at W3AA. What is needed to implement this idea is a computer with a sound card, the proper software and a location in the station.

Station ideas need to be discussed. In the past there was an Operators Net. I think the net is a good idea and propose to air it on the fourth Tuesday of the month 7:30 P.M. to 8:15 P.M. on the W3QV repeater or announce when the W3AA Operators Net would air on the Sunday morning Phil-Mont Nets. I think the code activity could spare the time for us. Now how do I get feed back. I have another Idea, e-mail me WSTW@juno.com. I guess our next net would be 7:30 P.M., May 25, 2000.

Again, thanks to **Bud, K3TPM**, and the rest of you for taking care of the QSL backlog, the prompt attention to that detail is encouraging. I hope we continue to respond rather than initiate QSLs. **Charlye, K3CJ**, reports ten meters is hot at W3AA. He reduced the transmitter power to 25 watts and using the repeater was able to make three successive European contacts. And an additional word of thanks to you, Charlye, for keeping W3AA supplied with the handouts. W3AA is getting a lot of support.

Thank you all.
 73, W3STW, Al.

League Officials in Paris for IARU Anniversary

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, and Executive Vice President David Sumner, K1ZZ, will represent the ARRL at the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the International Amateur Radio Union, April 18 in Paris. A meeting of the IARU Administrative Council will be held in conjunction with this event. The IARU, founded in 1925, is a worldwide federation of national Amateur Radio societies with members in 150 countries and separate territories. Past ARRL President Larry Price, W4RA, now serves as the IARU's president. The international secretariat for the IARU is at ARRL Headquarters.

For more information about the IARU, visit <http://www.iaru.org/> (ARRL)



Can you guess which PMRC member this is?

The PREZ SEZ



I hope everyone enjoyed the last general meeting. I thought the Skywarn presentation was excellent and very relative to Amateur radio. In case you lost the hand-out, the following are reportable conditions. Hail - any size

- Winds - damaging winds in excess of 58 mph {whole trees down, power lines down, etc}
- Wall cloud
- Funnel cloud
- Tornado
- Heavy rain - usually in excess of 1"/hour that produces localized flooding
- Stream and river flooding
- Coastal flooding
- Snow, accumulations of first 6" and then each hour or if it snows 1"/hour.
- All storm totals.
- Please note that lightning is NOT a report needed by the NWS as any lightning is dangerous.

FCC TO GENERALS: ADVANCED SUBBANDS ARE OFF LIMITS The FCC says a lot of newly upgraded General class licensees have begun asking if they may operate in the current Advanced class subbands now that the new amateur rules are in place. "The answer is: Absolutely not," said the Bill Cross, W3TN, of the FCC's Public Safety and Private Wireless Division. "No privileges changed for any license class." Cross pointed out that the Advanced class license did not cease to exist under restructuring, which went into effect April 15, although the FCC no longer accepts applications for Novice or Advanced class licenses. He said current Generals do not earn Advanced class privileges until they upgrade to Amateur Extra class, at which point they earn both Advanced and Extra privileges. The FCC also says Gen-

eral class operators may hold only Group C (1x3) or Group D (2x3) call signs, as it was under the old rules. Generals are not entitled to apply for or hold Group B (2x2) call signs under the new rules. Cross cautioned newly upgraded licensees to check the revised Part 97 rules carefully to make sure they're not operating beyond their privileges. "Now that they've gotten the license, it's time to look at the real rules," he said. Amateurs further are reminded that in order to apply for upgraded volunteer examiner privileges or for a vanity call sign reflecting new license status, a licensee first must have been issued an upgraded license grant by the FCC. Interim privileges conveyed by a Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination—or CSCE—are insufficient for these purposes.

Tolerance and a Welcome Mat — an Editorial

April 15, 2000 marked an important milestone for Amateur Radio in the United States. It was the first time in over 60 years that US Amateurs can operate throughout all the HF bands without having passed a Morse code test at 13 WPM or higher. In 1937 the FCC upped the code speed to 13 WPM from 10 WPM.

Many of the new upgraded hams will now be using the HF bands for the first time, and it appears there will be a lot of them from reports of crowds at recent VE sessions nationwide. They will be operating both phone and CW, and some of them won't know what life is like on HF. They may not realize that one doesn't call CQ on HF by tuning to a quiet spot and announcing that they're "Listening on frequency." They won't know much, if anything, about band plans, about nets, about working "up", or a host of other things. They will need

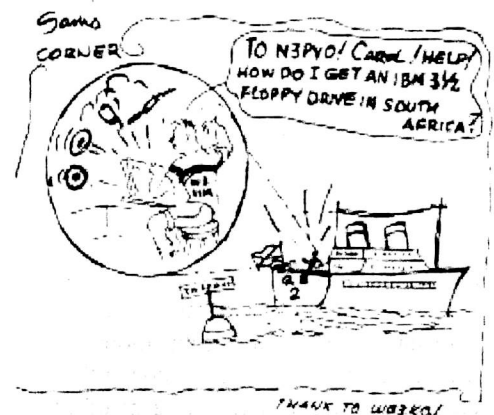
help, just as badly as you and I needed help when we first went on HF. They will need to learn things that have never been part of any FCC test. They will need guidance, not hostility and transferred anger from those unhappy with the new FCC license structure.

Please, oh please, be generous with your help! Be tolerant of their mistakes and be friendly and tactful when you offer suggestions for improvement. Please, put out the welcome mat for them. Let them know also when they've done something right, not only when they've done something wrong. We certainly don't want a bunch of grouches turning them away from ham radio! It's going to be our task to Elmer them into Amateur Radio. Let's all provide them with a warm ham welcome.

— Frank Fallon, N2FF ARRL Hudson Division Director (n2ff@arrl.org)

This article appeared in the Hudson News by Frank Fallon N2FF. Bernie Fuller N3EFN, Atlantic Division Director and I thought it appropriate and would be of interest to amateurs within the Atlantic Division.

- Bill Edgar N3LLR Atlantic Division Vice Director



ATLANTIC DIVISION HAMFEST CALENDAR

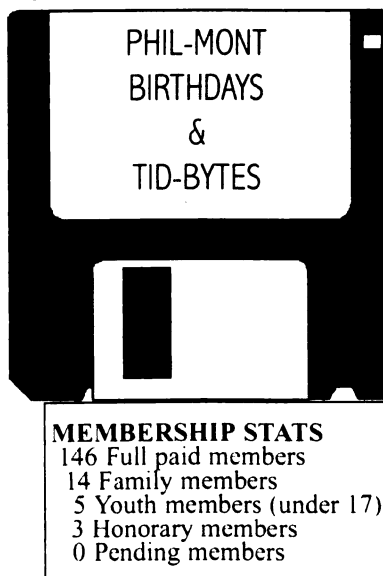
APR 9+ Two Rivers ARC - Monroeville, PA
 APR 29 Champlain Valley ARC - Plattsburgh, NY
 APR 30+ Penn-Del ARC - New Castle, DE Delaware State Convention
 APR 30 WACOM - PA
 MAY 6 Binghamton ARA - Owego, NY
 MAY 7+ Antietam RA - Hagerstown, MD
 MAY 7+ Warminster ARC - Wrightstown, PA
 MAY 28 Maryland FM Assn - West Friendship, MD
 JUN 2-4+ Rochester Hamfest - Rochester, NY Atlantic Division Convention
 JUN 4+ Breezeshooters - Butler, PA
 JUN 10+ Columbia-Montour ARC - Bloomsburg, PA Eastern PA Section Convention
 JUL 2+ Murgas ARC - Dallas, PA
 JUL 9+ North Hills ARC - Pittsburgh, PA
 JUL 16+ Mid-Atlantic ARC / Valley Forge Hamfest - Kimberton, PA
 JUL 30+ BRATS - Timonium, MD
 AUG 5 Tompkins County ARC - NY
 AUG 13+ Jersey Shore ARS - Bayville, NJ
 AUG 27+ Skyview Radio Society - New Kensington, PA
 SEP 9 Radio Assn of Erie - Erie, PA
 SEP 10+ Butler Co. ARA - Butler, PA SEP 23+ Buffalo Hamfest - Hamburg, NY
 Western NY Section Convention
 SEP 28-30+ Microwave Update 2000 Conference - Trevoise, PA Specialty Convention
 SEP 30 ARA of the Southern Tier - Horseheads, NY
 OCT 1 Pack Rats - Wrightstown, PA
 OCT 22+ RF Hill ARC - Sellersville, PA
 ** Visit the Atlantic Division Web page at <http://www.bfdin.com/atlantic/index.htm>
 + indicates ARRL Hamfest

MAY BIRTHDAYS

02 Jack Haring - W3IIM
 05 Paul Policarpo - N3PP
 07 Dick Bechtel - W3CBF
 09 Carol Sebzda - N3PVO
 12 Bob Henderson - KA3MHO
 15 Woody Haldeman - W3PST
 17 Herb Scott - N3OLK
 20 Bob Field - W3INW
 Dick Malone - N3MGS
 22 Winnie Miller - K3RAB (XYL
 K3NYN)
 23 Joe O'Donnell - N3RCQ
 26 Bonnie Malone - WB3GBN
 Carol Mihm (XYL KE3PR)
 29 Maggie Leber - KB3DXF*
 David Martin - WA1ZGE*
 30 Bill Chedeville - W3GQD
 31 Heidi Mescanti - (XYL WB3KUR)

*Indicated new member 1999-200

HELP ME: With all of the upgrading and call changing going on, please let me know when you have a change.



DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS
 Add N3FCS, WB3GBN, N3EKR & KE3ZY..same info as last year.
 AA3EP is now W3WF & N3LCV now responds to WX3PHI

PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

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May 7- Sunday
 Phila. Museum of Art
 Valley Forge Nat. Park
 Tyler State Park
 Kerr State Park
 Main Street Voorhees, NJ.
 A.C. Boardwalk A.C. NJ.

May 20- Saturday, Chester County Challenge for Cancer in West Chester

June 10 & 11- PA. Dutch MS-150 Morgantown, Pa.

September 23 and 24
 City to Shore MS-150
 Cherry Hill, NJ to Ocean City, NJ

December 3- Brian's Run
 West Chester, Pa.

Public Service Forms Available

Public Service Forms are available on Line. Thanks to **Charlie, W3WF** and **Peter, KB3DFQ** you may download any of the following sign-up forms for the year 2000 public service events.

MS Walks
 Chester County Bike Tour
 MS 150 City to Shore 2000
 the url is:

<http://metro-comm.freethinkers.net>
 (thanks to W3CH)

"There is so much to be said in favor of modern journalism. by giving us the opinions of the uneducated it keeps us in touch with ignorance of the community."

Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)

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MAY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Code Practice 8PM W3AOK	3	4	5	6
7 2M NCS N3OWM 10M NCS W3AA 75M NCS W3PWG	8	9 Code Practice 8PM W3RM	10 Board Meeting Starts at 7:00 General Meeting Starts at 7:30 both held at the Franklin Institute	11 LICENSE EXAM Session at The Franklin Institute Registration at 6:00 Doors close at 6:30 p.m. sharp!	12	13
14 Mother's Day 2M NCS W3STW 10M NCS W3AA 75M NCS W3STW	15	16 Code Practice 8PM WA3NSP	17	18 Full Moon ☉	19	20 Armed Force's Day Blurb DEADLINE!
21 2M NCS WB3KOJ 10M NCS W3AA 75M NCS KB3IV	22	23 Code Practice 8PM W3AOK	24	25	26	27
28 2M NCS KB3IV 10M NCS W3AA 75M NCS KB3IV	29 Memorial Day	30 Code Practice 8PM W3RM	31			May — named for the Roman goddess of growth and plenty

Activities for May 2000

Net Control stations should read the following announcements before asking if there are any more announcements for the net.

- VE testing will be held on Thursday May 4th at 6:30 P.M. The 2000 ARRL VE test fee is \$6.45, but there is no charge for the Novice test.
- May 7th, Sunday, MS Walks in the following towns:
Phila.Museum of Art — Valley Forge Nat. Park — Tyler State Park — Kerr State Park — Main Street Voorhees, NJ.— Boardwalk, Atlantic City, NJ.
- On May 10th the Director's meeting and General Meeting will be held at the Franklin Institute, 20th and the Parkway in Philadelphia. The board meeting will start at 7:00 PM and the General meeting starts at 7:30 PM. Refreshments will be served.

Looking Ahead

- On June 24th and 25th Field Day for 2000 will take place
- The Phil-Mont club picnic will be held on Sunday June 25th at Field Day site. More will follow in next month's Blurb

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